10/580107 IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 19 MAY 2006

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q84185 Kenji YAKUSHIJI, et al. Appln. No.: Not Yet Assigned National Stage Entry of PCT/JP2005/018731 Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned Filed: May 19, 2006 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned PRODUCTION METHOD FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE For: **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT** MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages. TABLE OF CONTENTS

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS2